

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 429 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Health Services to convene a public advisory group to assist in the development of standards for freshwater bathing. The department would be required to report these standards directly to the Legislature.

The Department of Health Services, in conjunction with their local government partners the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health, already developed freshwater bathing standards. These standards are on the Department's website and can be used by any local jurisdiction to protect public health by regulating access to freshwater bathing areas that do not meet these standards. I encourage the Legislature to go to the website to review these guidelines.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger